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Leslie Cole
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Dear Ms. Cole:

The letter to Governor Patton from Almona Dew, Chair, Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), regarding the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission Resolution, "West Nile Virus and Integrated Mosquito Management," dated July 15, 2003, was reviewed by CHS per your request.

The EQC recommendations appear to be good ones and could be included in the Strategic Mosquito Attack Campaign (SMAC) developed under the auspices of the Department for Public Health (DPH) with the DPH, Agriculture, the Natural Resources Cabinet, Local Health Departments and Fish and Wildlife. SMAC currently performs some of the recommendations of EQC, e.g. a work group exists (albeit informal); an outreach program is in place; an evaluation of adulticides is done by Agriculture; and mosquito surveillance is done. Additional recommendations of the EQC are possible to implement and sustain if recurring funding is identified for local health department and state staff utilization.

Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) with the Local Mosquito Abatement program is a concept that would provide many benefits. The Department for Public Health is in communication with the University of Kentucky, Department of Entomology, regarding a proposed plan for an IMM program. Additionally, there is a bill in Congress that would provide some funding to states if the bill is passed. This funding will come through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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CHS does not agree with the strong objection to the use of Duroban. The Environmental Protection Agency has approved the use of this pesticide.

This year, CHS provided a number of educational materials throughout the Commonwealth, encouraged website utilization, and worked with the media to provide mosquito control information. CHS will aggressively continue its efforts to educate the public about mosquito control.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Morgan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marcia R. Morgan
Secretary